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In the Application of

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR EXTRACTING MEANING FROM MULTIMODAL
INPUTS USING FINITE-STATE DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

[Please replace paragraph [0069] as follows:]

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[0001] In the simple logical representation outlined above, referring to the exemplary multimodal utterance outlined above with respect to Fig. 5, the recognized word "e-mail" causes the predicate "e-mail ([" to be added to the semantics tape. Similarly, the recognized word "person" causes the predicate "person (" to be written on the semantics tape. The e-mail predicate and the list internal to the e-mail predicate are closed when the rule "S→V NP ε:ε:]", as shown in Fig. 6, applies.